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1. Chinese Nationalist troops are constructing and repairing roads in the territory occupied by them from Mae Khaton (N 17-58, E 97-55), which is opposite Papun on the Thai-Burma border, south to the Three Pagodas Pass. They are also building rest camps for troops at different locations along the 350 miles of roads. In Thai territory there is a wagon route from Mae Khaton to Chiang Mai (N 18-47; E 98-59) and also from the Three Pagodas Pass through Kanchanaburi to Bangkok.
2. Several units of Chinese Nationalists have moved to Karen villages in the River Yuan basin. They collect taxes on teak logs floating in the Yuan waterway from Mae Sariang (N 18-10, E 97-56) to Moulmein. In the south the Chinese Nationalists recruited villagers from Anaukwin, Taungzun, and Tadein (N 15-25, E 98-15) to help them repair the roads from Thanbynzayat to the Thai border en route to Bangkok.
3. At present, in addition to supplying the Karen National Defense Organization insurgents with firearms, the Chinese Nationalists plan to set up a line of communications with Thailand so as to despatch minerals and woods to be sold there.

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